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SUBJ: SPANISH APPROACHES TO NATO GOVERNMENTS

REF: A. STATE 93364; B. USNATO 2245

1. I SAW UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROVIRA APR 24, AND TOLD HIM THAT WE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE GOS TO MAKE APPROACHES TO ALL NATO ALLIES, INCLUDING UK, BEFORE NATO MEETING IN MAY. I SAID THAT WE OURSELVES INTENDED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL OUR ALLIES PRIOR TO THAT TIME.

2. ROVIRA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE SAW MERIT IN THIS VIEW. HE RECOGNIZED THAT IF GOS DID NOT MAKE SUCH APPROACHES DIRECTLY AND US APPEARED AS AN INTERMEDIARY, IT MIGHT LOOK AS IF SPAIN HAD "AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX" VIS-A-VIS NATO ALLIES.

3. I ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO TELL ROVIRA THAT AMBASSADOR BRUCE WOULD NOT BE IN BRUSSELS WHEN SPANISH REPS VISIT THERE MAY 8 OR 9 (REF B), BUT THAT DCM AND OTHER MISSION OFFICERS WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATIONS.

4. COMMENT: PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT ROVIRA AND
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EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL AGUIRRE DE CARCER ARE

NOT IN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO HANDLE APPROACHES TO NATO ALLIES, AND AT TIMES ROVIRA DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE INFORMED BY AGUIRRE OF SOME OF THE LATTER'S INITIATIVES, INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, AGUIRRE'S PLANNED VISIT TO USNATO. THE MAIN POINT IS THAT ROVIRA FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT GOS MUST MAKE ITS APPROACHES TO NATO ALLIES PRIOR TO NATO MINISTERIAL. HOW IT IS DONE IS AN INTERNAL GOS PROBLEM. CORTINA, WHO RETURNED FROM TEHRAN WITH JUAN CARLOS APR 24, WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON AGUIRRE'S TRIP TO LONDON AND BRUSSELS. PERINAT TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT CORTINA WOULD HOLD MEETING ON THIS POINT TODAY.

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